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1. On 20 January 1955, LIN Wei-hsien (2651/4850/0341), acting commander of the Chekiang Military District Headquarters (CMDH), returned to Hangzhou from the East Chekiang Frontline Headquarters (ECFH). On 22 January CHAO Chun (6392/0193), chief of staff, accompanied LIN on another trip to the ECFH.

- a. In view of the Ichangshan liberation, Political Department personnel must continue their efforts to support the Front.¹ 25X1
- b. Political Department personnel should stand in readiness in the event that they are ordered to join combat forces in liberating enemy-occupied off-shore islands.
- c. Political Department personnel should minimize the lunar new year's holiday period celebrations and work hard at bolstering political defense.² 25X1

Comment. The liberation of the off-shore islands, including the Tach'ens, by the Chinese Communists is obviously imminent. This line has been expounded repeatedly by high Chinese Communist officials, and it is further substantiated by LIN Wei-hsien's lengthy stay at the ECFH. Because the Chinese Communists recently liberated Ichangshan, the timetable for the liberation of the Tach'ens is near.

Comments

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1. "The Front" is construed to mean the ECFH.
2. This presumably means more emphasis on security and indoctrination.

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